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Mr. Randall's Criticism of His Party.

It has become a matter of mere routine to re-nominate Mr. Randall for Congress. The formality has been gone through again. In accepting the nomination Mr. Randall said:

If recently, in the exercise of my representative functions, I had the opportunity and seized it to save the vital industries of the whole country and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from an entirely unnecessary and unprofitable war, I rejoice that with the aid of others success crowned the effort.

Mr. Randall and his fellow tariff Democrats did not, but they could have accomplished nothing if the Republicans had not resisted almost as one man the "entirely unnecessary and unprofitable war" aimed at the "vital industries of the country" by the Morrison tariff bill. Four-fifths of the Democrats in the House voted to strike that blow. This is the latest party vote on the tariff question. It is by this that the parties are now to be judged. The Democratic platform, constructed for use by shrewd interpreters, was intended in its general effect to be a dodge. But the dodge is very plain, and it means just the sort of blow which Mr. Randall characterizes as "entirely unnecessary and unprofitable."

From a Democrat this is a terrible arraignment of the Democratic party. It amounts to a charge of wantonness and imbecility. It means that his party is ignorant on the tariff question, and willing to use its ignorance as a bludgeon to knock down American industries and sell American labor to the level of the cheap labor of foreign lands.

It was not strange, therefore, that the English newspapers held out to British manufacturers and their poorly paid or unemployed workmen the hope that the Morrison bill would become a law, that under it the United States would buy British commodities instead of American commodities, and that thus the terrible depression which rests upon British industries would give way to a general revival. In the same view it is not strange that the same English newspapers are vigorously supporting Cleveland and denouncing Blaine.

It would be very strange if the American people were to endorse a party which aims at their bread and butter an "entirely unnecessary and unprofitable blow."

PERSONAL.

Henry W. Page's gifts to money to Cornell University amounts to \$400,000.

Miss Shepherd, the daughter of Mrs. W. J. Florence, is to support Lotta this season.

The Rev. T. A. Goodwin, a prohibition leader in Indiana, claims that St. John will tell 15,000 votes in that State.

Although Victor Hugo has passed twenty years of his life in England, he declares that he does not know a word of English.

John E. Owens, the comedian, has been spending several weeks at the White Sulphur Springs, and is rapidly recovering his health.

Dr. O. Grant, lately an assistant bailiff of Onondaga, New York, has succeeded to the earldom of Suffolk, with an annual income of \$70,000.

Stephen J. Meany, of the New York Star, who was arrested as a suspect in Ireland two years ago, will sail from New York for Liverpool this week.

At Narragansett, R. I., a woman, 82 years of age, astonished the guests of a fashionable hotel by appearing at breakfast in a white Mother Hubbard dress.

Munkley, one of the greatest living artists, who painted "Christ Before Pilate," has just been put in a private madhouse near Paris. He thought a passing life of soldiers was about appearing at breakfast in a white Mother Hubbard dress.

Rev. W. K. Glegg, an English clergyman, who is now nearly 90 years of age, was a subaltern in the British army in his New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815, when he was killed. He afterward took orders and became chaplain general of the British army. He was a great friend of the "Iron Duke" of Wellington.

An Aged Arkansas Clergyman.

Who has preached the gospel for forty years, has been greatly afflicted with kidney troubles. His case is such an unusual one that he cannot hope for a cure; but he has been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and he has used three bottles of Brown's Iron Bitters, and adds, "I have never more felt from anything I have ever used, and I am an additional supply of this great family medicine in order to make further trial."

THE LOAN ORDINANCE.

A Plan for its Ratification—Figures and Facts.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

SIR:—So important are the issues that will be presented to the voters and taxpayers of this city on next Tuesday, the 10th inst., that before they cast their votes against the ratification of the loan ordinance I would ask them to pause and reflect what will be the result of such action. If the ordinance is defeated the creditors of the city will then resort to the court for payment of their claims, and as there can be no defense, (for I take it no one will propose to sue all the creditors who have been issued bonds, be legally collected), judgment will be given against the city, and I ask the court will issue a mandamus and compel the city to pay the \$200,000 in one year. Now in dollars and cents what does this mean? At an assessed valuation, (of say in round numbers) \$10,000,000 to pay in one year, the outstanding orders of the city which on September 1 of this year were \$184,301.17, interest on bond and city orders—\$1,165.00.

Total.....\$185,466.17

This would be.....\$1.22

Present city tax.....10

For each cent.....1.18

Or \$18.50 on every \$1,000.

On every \$1,000 of income of taxes the landowners or real estate men will be compelled to raise their rents proportionately, and the needful and the working man would be forced to bear this onerous and oppressive burden.

There are but two alternatives presented to the voter in his decision on this question—One is:

Repeal, for such is the result of your action if you defeat the ratification of this ordinance, and the city's credit irreparably ruined.

The other is to ratify the ordinance, which means to pay our honest debts like honest men.

Which will you choose? I ask the man who proposes to vote against this ordinance what he expects to accomplish? Certainly not the avoidance of the payment of this debt or costs of litigation. What ever reform we may want to make in the future in the management of the financial affairs in this city we cannot accomplish it by placing the city in the false position of a bankrupt corporation. We must pay our debts. Place a check on your penitence as you please, make no contracts unless you have the money, but first pay your debts and make your reforms afterward. Repudiation is no way to reform. The property owned by the city is worth over \$5,000,000 paying an income.

From Gas Works for 1883.....\$10,270.34

From Water Works for 1883.....19,237.55

Total.....\$29,507.89

Today nothing of the receipts from wharves and market houses, &c. Compare our indebtedness up to September 1, 1884:

City bonds loan.....\$111,000.00

Contracted loan.....8,000.00

Public building loan.....9,500.00

Demolished railroad loan.....4,000.00

Marietta & Cincinnati railroad bonds.....6,000.00

Loan of 1871.....10,000.00

Loan of 1881.....14,500.00

Total bonded debt.....\$153,000.00

City orders outstanding.....\$184,301.17

Interest due on bonds and city orders.....17,165.00

Total.....\$344,466.17

Such a financial condition certainly ought not to induce any one to believe we are on the verge of ruin, or should cause any uneasiness as to our ability to pay our debts.

If the ordinance is ratified by the people these debts can be funded at 41 percent interest which would be a saving of \$15 on every \$1,000 and on \$300,000, \$3,000 per annum in 30 years would be a saving of \$90,000. Besides the tax-payer would feel the payment of principal or interest as the funds come out of the general levy and the debt can be paid in 10 or 30 years at the option of the city. In the name of honesty, of economy, of our city's credit, I appeal to the honest voter to ratify and not repudiate.

MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Wheeling, September 9.

THE CITY DEBT.

Vote Down the Funding Ordinance and Make an Example.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

SIR:—I have noticed that both the INTELLIGENCER and the REGISTER advocate the adoption by our citizens of an ordinance to fund the floating debt of this city by the issue of \$200,000 of bonds, and that both papers present the matter as a question of more or less interest merely, on a debt already incurred—stating it substantially thus: Is it not better to fund at 41 percent interest a debt on which we now pay 6 percent interest? Viewed in that light alone, the answer admits of no argument. But that is only a superficial view of the matter, for the real question to be decided is of far greater significance, and is this, shall we now by our votes confirm a system of extravagance and reckless expenditure which inevitably leads to financial ruin? Whether practiced by individuals, corporations or municipalities, the result of expenditure beyond income is bankruptcy in the end. But the INTELLIGENCER has said that we may enlarge the city revenues by obtaining legislative authority to increase the rate of taxation. The suggestion is unfortunate though not surprising, for it is the legitimate fruit of such financial management as is now being considered, and would not have been made, I think, after a careful consideration of the debt which has been even so great increase of taxation; and it may be stated as a fact that the taxes now levied in Wheeling are quite as great as our property will bear, and to increase them would inevitably result in the depreciation of all classes of property in the city, and capital beyond its border. This is no ill declaration but a statement of fact justified by our own experience, and that of other cities, as witness Elizabeth, N. J., Memphis, Tenn., and others, which might be named—each of them have been ruined by the same means, and the time was within our recollection and that of our older citizens, when their property in Wheeling was not valueless because of the burdens of debt, but because of the tax, and a house and lot could hardly be given away in it. The place was paralyzed, and all this the unhappy result of previous recklessness in creating debt and robbing bonds. But it is not pleasant to recall the depression and gloom which then prevailed in Wheeling, and which was finally overcome only by the mortifying expedient of a compromise with the city's creditors—a mild kind of repudiation ill-natured people may have called it. It is but a few years (two or three or four) since this same system of financial mismanagement was being practiced in this city, and the result was the same. 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